JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION DUE TO SOLE SOURCE REQUIREMENT

REQUIRED INFORMATION

- 1. FACILITY NUMBER-NAME- CITY, STATE: Michael E DeBakev VA Medical Center, Houston
- 2. VISN OR PROGRAM ACTIVITY: 16
- 3. POC NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER: Don Griffith, MD; Chief, Urology Section/OCL; 713-794-7742
- 4. PROPOSED ACTION: Brand Name or Sole Source Procurement of: COMMODITY
- 5. DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT: Surgical Drapes, and expendable surgical supplies such as 'DaVinci, laparoscopic graspers, scissors, cauteries, etc. are needed;
 - 5. STATUTORY AUTHORITY PERMITTING OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION: Only One Responsible Source Available which is Intuitive Surgical, Inc.

FAR 6.302-1 Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements

7. NATURE & BACKGROUND OF ACQUISITION TO JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE:

The DaVinci Robot Assisted Laparoscopic-prostatectom, cystectomy, and partial nephrectomy are the national and international 'standards of care' for surgical management of prostate cancer, invasive bladder cancer and small renal cancers. It is rapidly becoming the 'standard of care' for selected non-urological procedures. The DaVinci robot requires use of special drapes and instrumentation manufactured only by Intuitive Surgical, Inc. MEDVAMC, Houston performes more robotic surgical cases than any other VA Medical Center. Thus, we need steady and consistent replacement of expendable surgical supplies that are available only from Intuitive Surgery, Inc.

8. PROVIDE INFORMATION SHOWING MARKET RESEARCH WAS CONDUCTED:

Effort has been attempted to survey the market for potential sources through a Request for Information VA256-12-I-0904 posted on www.fbo.gov on May 8, 2012. No sources responded to this RFI. No other vendor provides the drapes and instrumentation required to use the DaVinci surgical robot except Intuitive Surgical, Inc.

9. PRICE ANALYSIS "FAIR AND REASONABLE":

The anticipated cost will be fair and reasonable as the proposed prices for the required supplies are the catalog prices which have been sold to the Houston VAMC in the past and are currently sold to other commercial customers.

10. LISTING OF SOURCES EXPRESSING INTEREST IN THIS REQUIREMENT:

The VA did not receive any response from other sources expressing interest in alternative products.

11. FUTURE ACTION TO OVERCOME BARRIER TO OTFOC:

We will consider, compare and evaluate any alternative products offered by alternative sources that become available for use with the DaVinci Surgical robot.

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